



# Mitigation Public Hearing

## **Texas General Land Office** **Community Development and Revitalization Program** **(GLO-CDR)**

*“We work to rebuild communities, to put Texans back in their homes, and to help businesses recover after the trauma of disaster.”*

***George P. Bush***

*Texas General Land Office Commissioner*



# Community Development Block Grant - Mitigation (CDBG-MIT)





# CDBG – Mitigation Funding

- **Federal Register Notice Published: August 30, 2019**
- **Texas Allocation: \$4,297,189,000**
- **140 Texas counties eligible for CDBG-MIT funding**
  - **Due to 2015, 2016, and 2017 (Hurricane Harvey) Disasters**
- **State Action Plan Due: February 3, 2020**



# CDBG-DR Mitigation Funding

DISASTER EVENT	GRANTEE	CDBG-DR AWARDS FOR MITIGATION
2017 Hurricane Harvey	State of Texas	\$ 4,074,456,000
2016 Floods	State of Texas	\$ 169,748,000
2015 Floods	Houston, TX	\$ 61,884,000
2015 Floods	San Marcos, TX	\$ 24,012,000
2015 Floods	State of Texas	\$ 52,985,000
		<b>TOTAL</b> \$ 4,383,085,000



# HUD's Mitigation Definition

**“Those activities that increase resilience to disasters and reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship, by lessening the impact of future disasters.”**

— CDBG-MIT Federal Register Notice (8/30/2019)





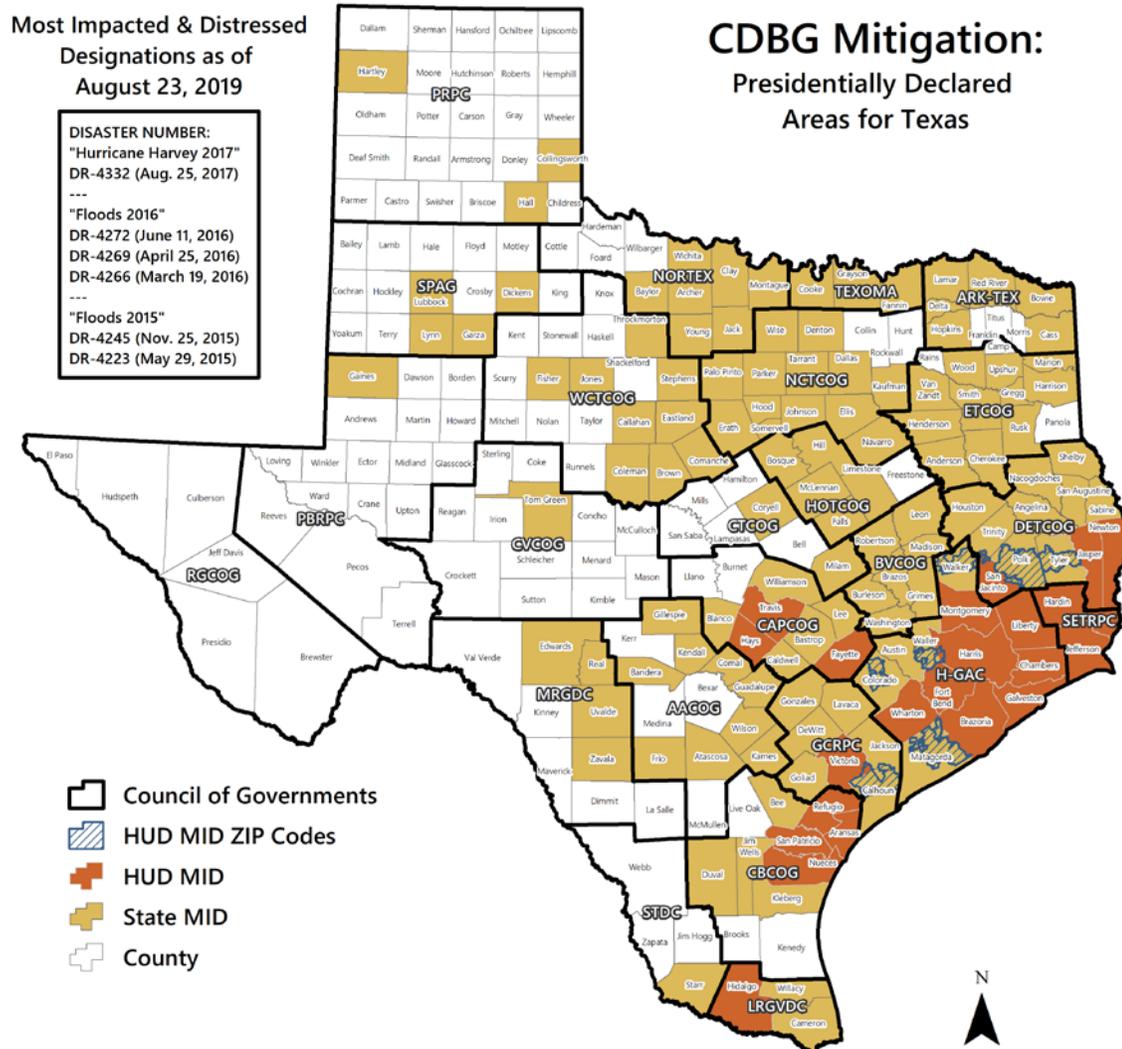
# CDBG-MIT Program

- At least 50% of funds must address mitigation needs in HUD Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) areas
- May expend funds outside of MID areas if demonstrated how funds will mitigate within the MID areas
- 50% of allocation must be spent in 6 years
- 100% of allocation must be spent in 12 years
- 50% of all CDBG-MIT funds must benefit low-to-moderate income (LMI) persons
- Planning Funds: Maximum 15% of total grant

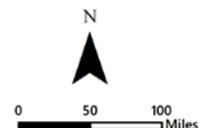
Most Impacted & Distressed Designations as of August 23, 2019

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 Presidentially Declared  
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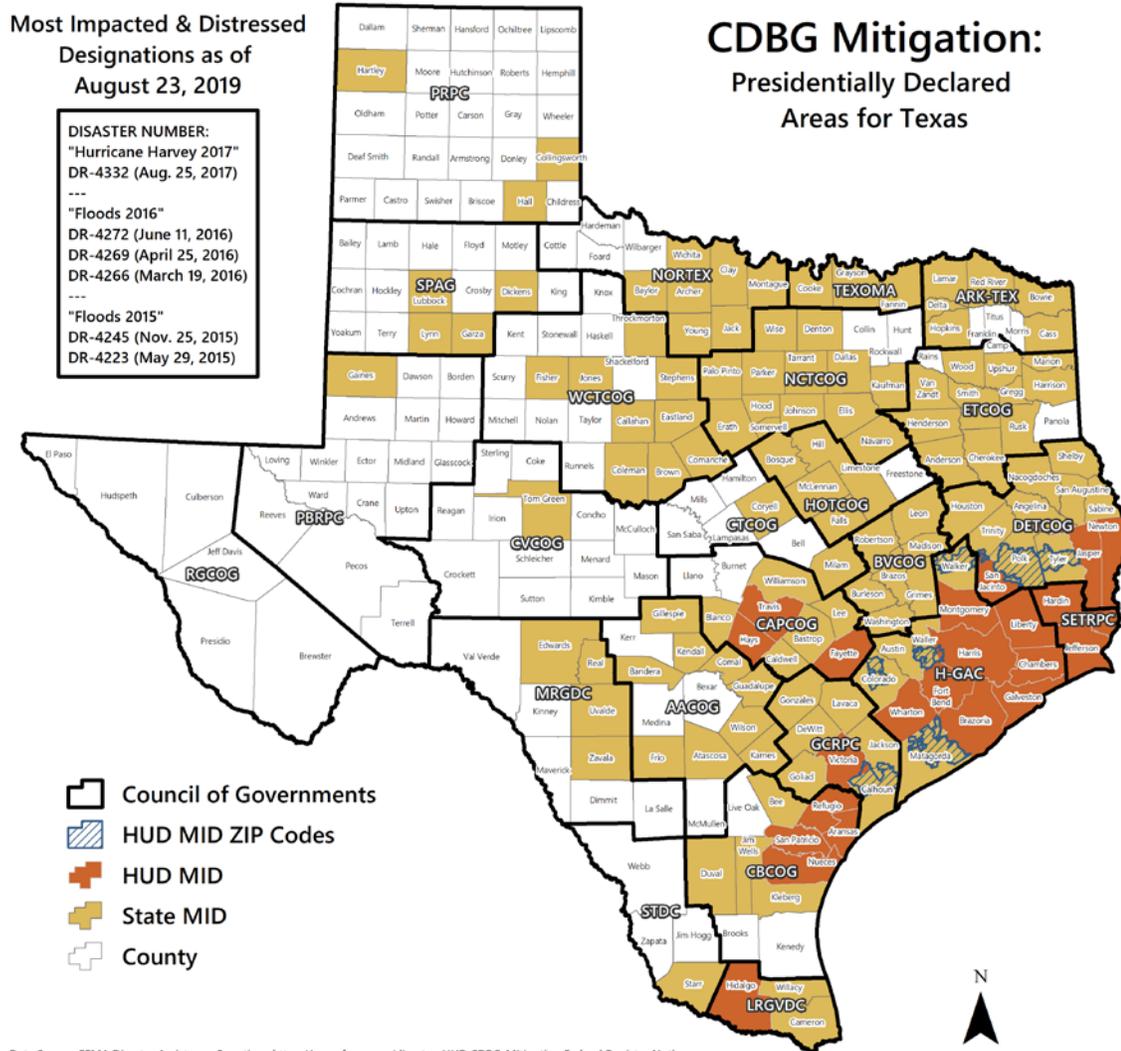
# HUD MID Areas

- Counties** – Aransas, Brazoria, Chambers, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Hardin, Harris, Hays, Hidalgo, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Refugio, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Travis, Victoria, and Wharton
- ZIP Codes** – 75979 (Tyler), 77320 (Walker), 77335/77351 (Polk), 77414/77482 (Matagorda), 77423/77493 (Waller), 77979 (Calhoun), 78934 (Colorado)

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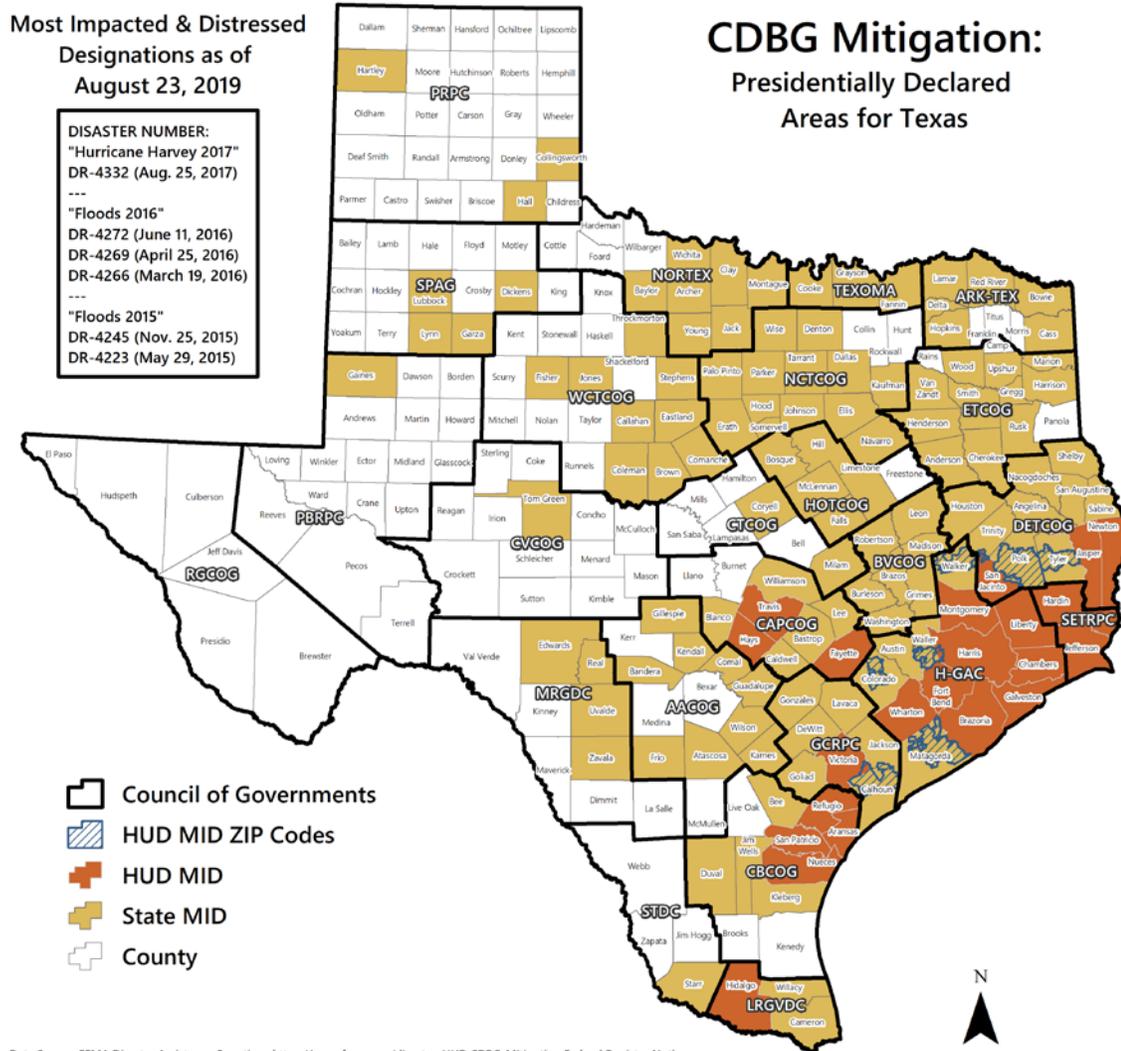
# State MID Areas

**Counties** – Anderson, Angelina, Archer, Atascosa, Austin, Bandera, Bastrop, Baylor, Bee, Blanco, Bosque, Bowie, Brazos, Brown, Burleson, Caldwell, Calhoun, Callahan, Cameron, Cass, Cherokee, Clay, Coleman, Collingsworth, Colorado, Comal, Comanche, Cooke, Coryell, Dallas, Delta, Denton, DeWitt, Dickens, Duval, Eastland, Edwards, Ellis, Erath, Falls, Fannin, Fisher, Frio, Gaines, Garza, Gillespie, Goliad, Gonzales, Grayson, Gregg, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hall, Harrison, Hartley, Henderson, Hill, Hood, Hopkins, Houston, Jack, Jackson, Jim Wells, Johnson, Jones, Karnes, Kaufman, Kendall, Kleberg, Lamar, Lavaca, Lee, Leon, Limestone, Lubbock, Lynn, Madison, Marion, Matagorda, McLennan, Milam, Montague, Nacogdoches, Navarro, Palo Pinto, Parker, Polk, Real, Red River, Robertson, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, Shelby, Smith, Somervell, Starr, Stephens, Tarrant, Throckmorton, Tom Green, Trinity, Tyler, Upshur, Uvalde, Van Zandt, Walker, Waller, Washington, Wichita, Willacy, Williamson, Wilson, Wise, Wood, Young, Zavala

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# State Action Plan

- Risk Based Mitigation Needs Assessment
  - State Hazard Mitigation Plan informs needs assessment
  - Assess impacts and risks to community lifelines (7)
- Use of Funds
  - Identify programs, program criteria and grant amount
  - Develop Method of Distribution





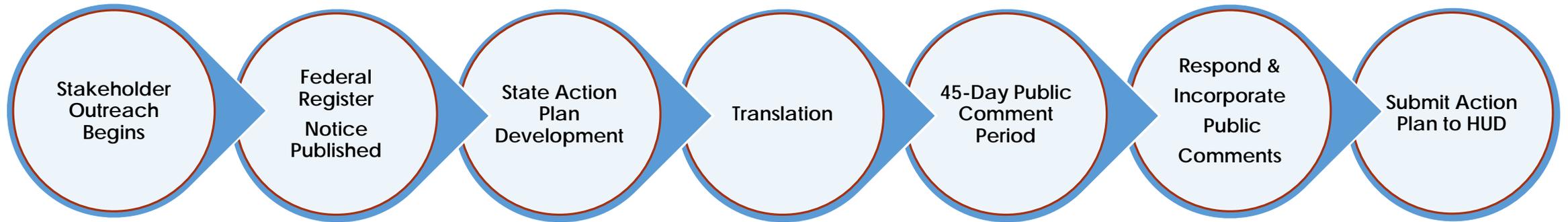
# Additional Requirements

- Promote local and regional long-term planning and implementation (including development and enforcement of building codes)
- Promote coordination and leveraging of funds
- Promote natural infrastructure
- Ensure construction standards
- Describe plans for long-term operation and maintenance
- Assure construction costs are reasonable





# Action Plan Development Timeline



Due: February 3, 2020



# Stakeholder Input

- **Public Hearings**
  - Conduct at least 4 public hearings
  - Two public hearings prior to the public comment period
- **45-day Public Comment Period**
- **Citizen advisory committee**





# Project Eligibility

- Does not require a “tie-back” to the specific qualified disaster
- Meets the definition of mitigation activities
- Addresses the current and future risks in the MID areas
- Are CDBG-eligible activities (HCDA)
- Meet a HUD national objective





# Eligible Activities - Infrastructure

- Regional investments in risk reduction to develop disaster-resistant infrastructure
- Upgrading of water, sewer, solid waste, communications, energy, transportation, health and medical, and other public infrastructure to address specific, identified risks
- Financing multi-use infrastructure
- Green or natural mitigation infrastructure development





# Eligible Activities - Housing

- Elevation (which may be accompanied by rehabilitation, reconstruction, or new construction activities to support resilient housing)
- Buyouts (potentially accompanied by additional housing or homeownership assistance for relocated families)
- Flood proofing
- Wind, water, fire, earthquake retrofitting or “hardening” of single- and multi-family units to withstand future disasters





# Eligible Activities – Economic Development

- Assistance to businesses for the installation of disaster mitigation improvements and technologies
- Financing to support the development of technologies, systems and other measures to mitigate future disaster impacts
- “Hardening” of commercial areas and facilities
- Financing critical infrastructure sectors to allow continued commercial operations during and after disasters





# Planning/Public Services

- Development of modernized and resilient building and zoning codes, and land use plans
- Development/update of FEMA-approved Local Hazard Mitigation Plans (HMPs) and *Enhanced* State HMP
- Integration of mitigation planning with other local and regional mitigation community development, land use and other plans
- Upgrade mapping, data and other capabilities to better understand evolving potential disaster risks
- Planning and public service activities necessary to reduce flood insurance premiums in the NFIP voluntary Community Rating System's (CRS) incentive program
- Education and outreach campaigns designed to alert communities and beneficiaries of opportunities to further mitigate identified risks through insurance, best practices and other strategies



# Ineligible Activities

- Funding for buildings used for the general conduct of government
- Emergency response services (ERS)
  - Funds may be used to enhance the resilience of facilities
- Forced mortgage payoff
- Enlargement of dam or levee beyond original design
- Assistance to private utilities





# Covered Projects

- **Infrastructure project having a total project cost of \$100 million or more, with at least \$50 million of CDBG funds (regardless of source (CDBG-DR, CDBG-MIT, or CDBG))**
- **Must identify the project in the State Action Plan or Amendment(s)**
- **Must meet all CDBG-MIT eligibility requirements**
- **Demonstration of benefits through benefit cost analysis**



# Oral Public Comments

- **Individuals - 3 minute limit**
- **Delegations - 5 minute limit**
- **State Name and Affiliation (if applicable)**



# Written Public Comments

- **Written comments will be accepted today**
- **Comments also accepted via email**

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